

Remarks

Applicants and the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for his efforts in the examination of this application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated Claims 3-5, 7, and 8 to be allowable.

The claim set has been amended to place the case in condition for allowance as follows:

Independent Claims 1 and 9 have been canceled from the case.

Independent Claim 2 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of allowable Claim 3, and Claim 3 has been canceled from the case.

Claims 4 and 8 have been amended to change dependency from now-canceled Claim 3 to Claim 2.

Claims 5 and 7 remain as in the previous Response.


Claim 6 was previously canceled.

Conclusions

Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments place this application in a condition for allowance, and passage to issue is respectfully solicited. The Applicants and the undersigned would like to again thank the Examiner for his efforts in the examination of this application and for reconsideration of the claims as amended in light of the arguments presented. If the further prosecution of the application can be

facilitated through telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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